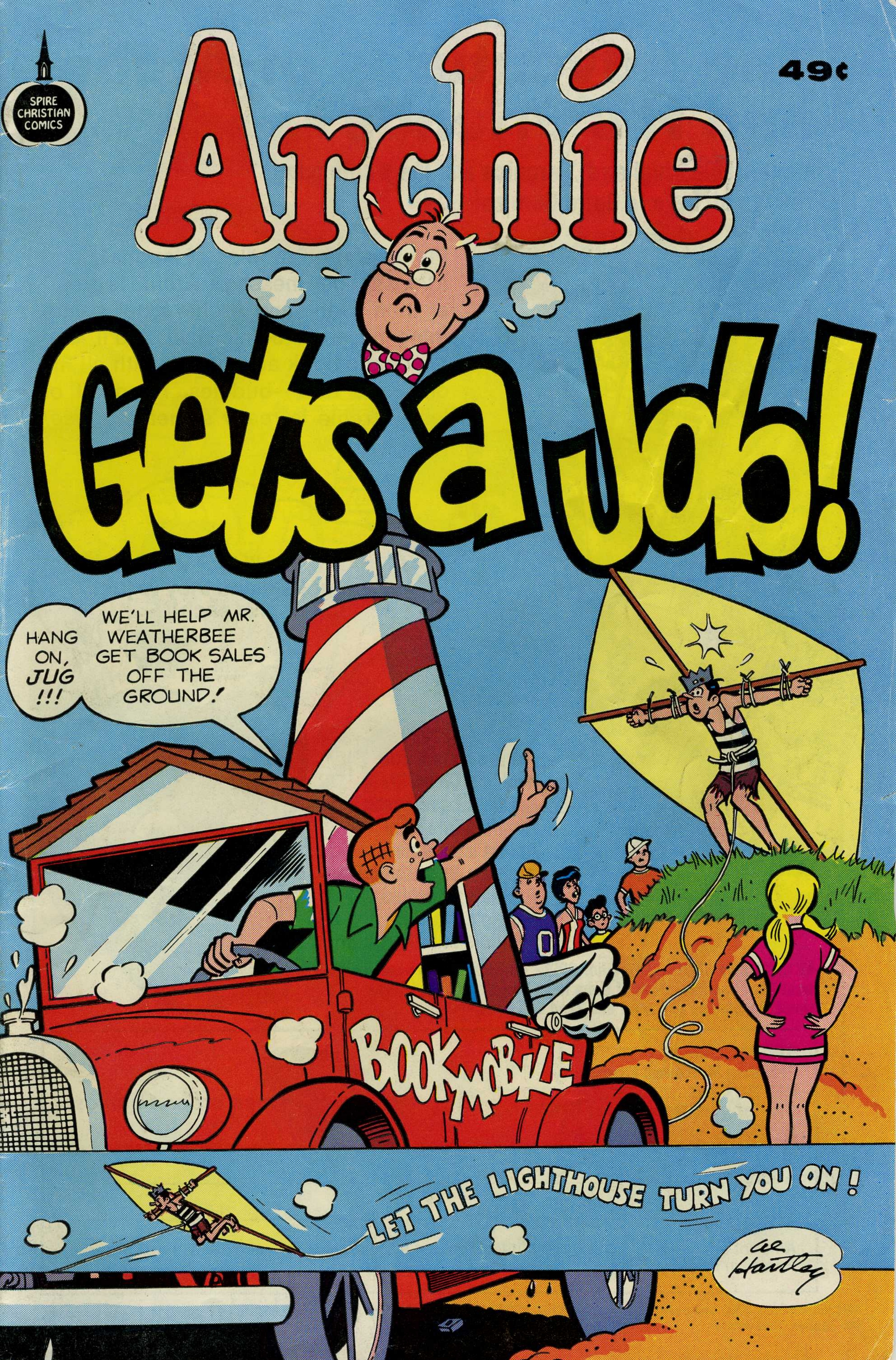
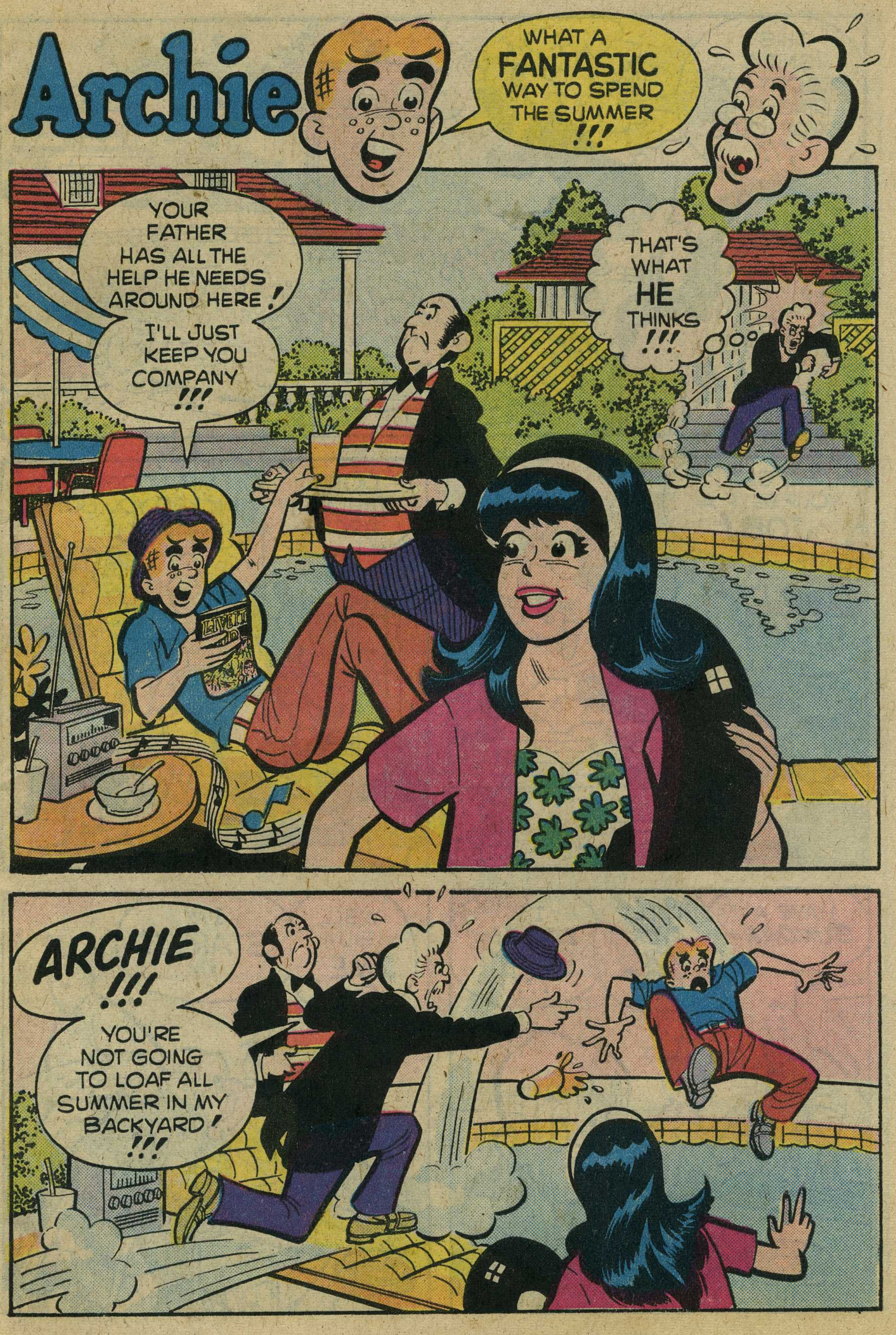
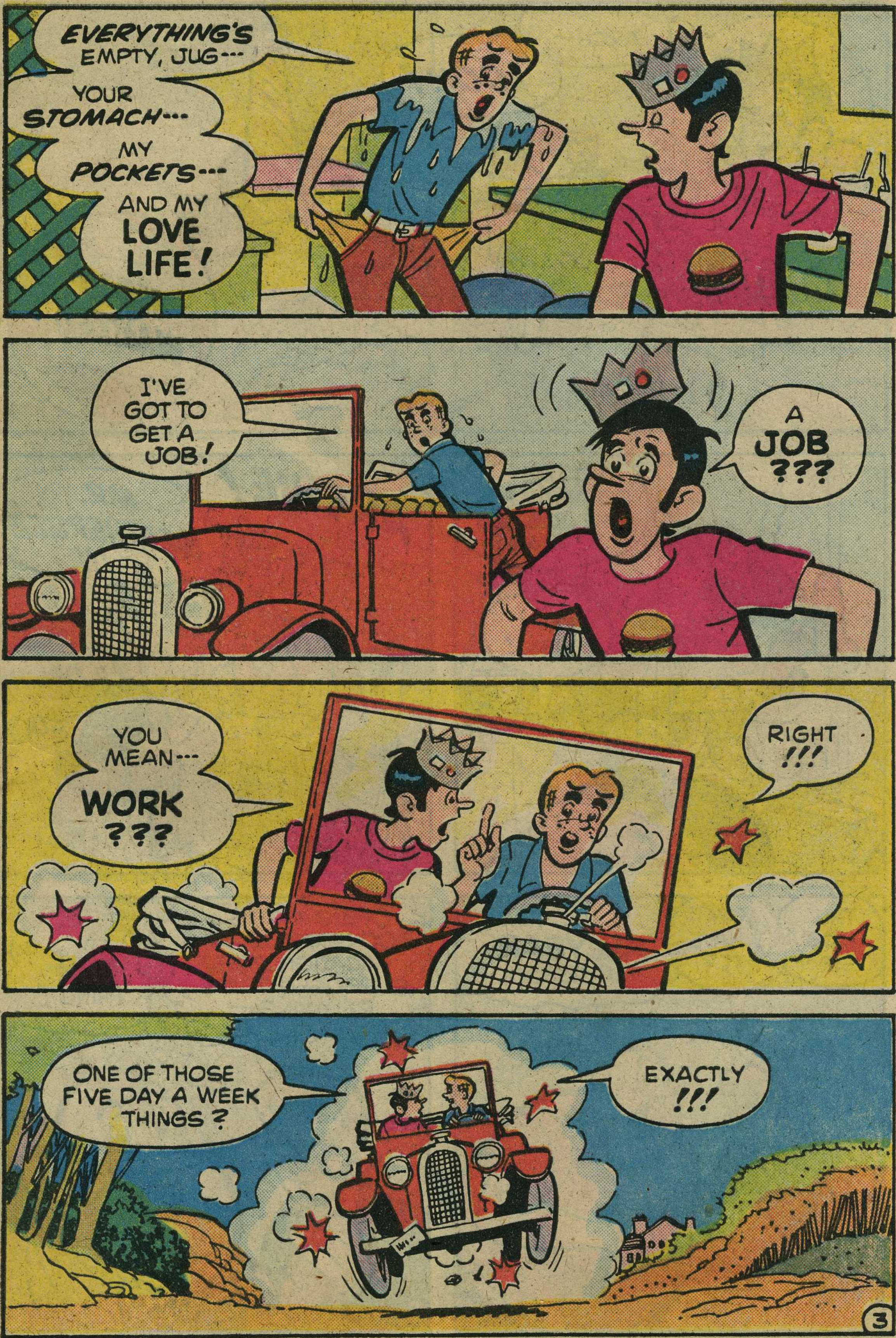
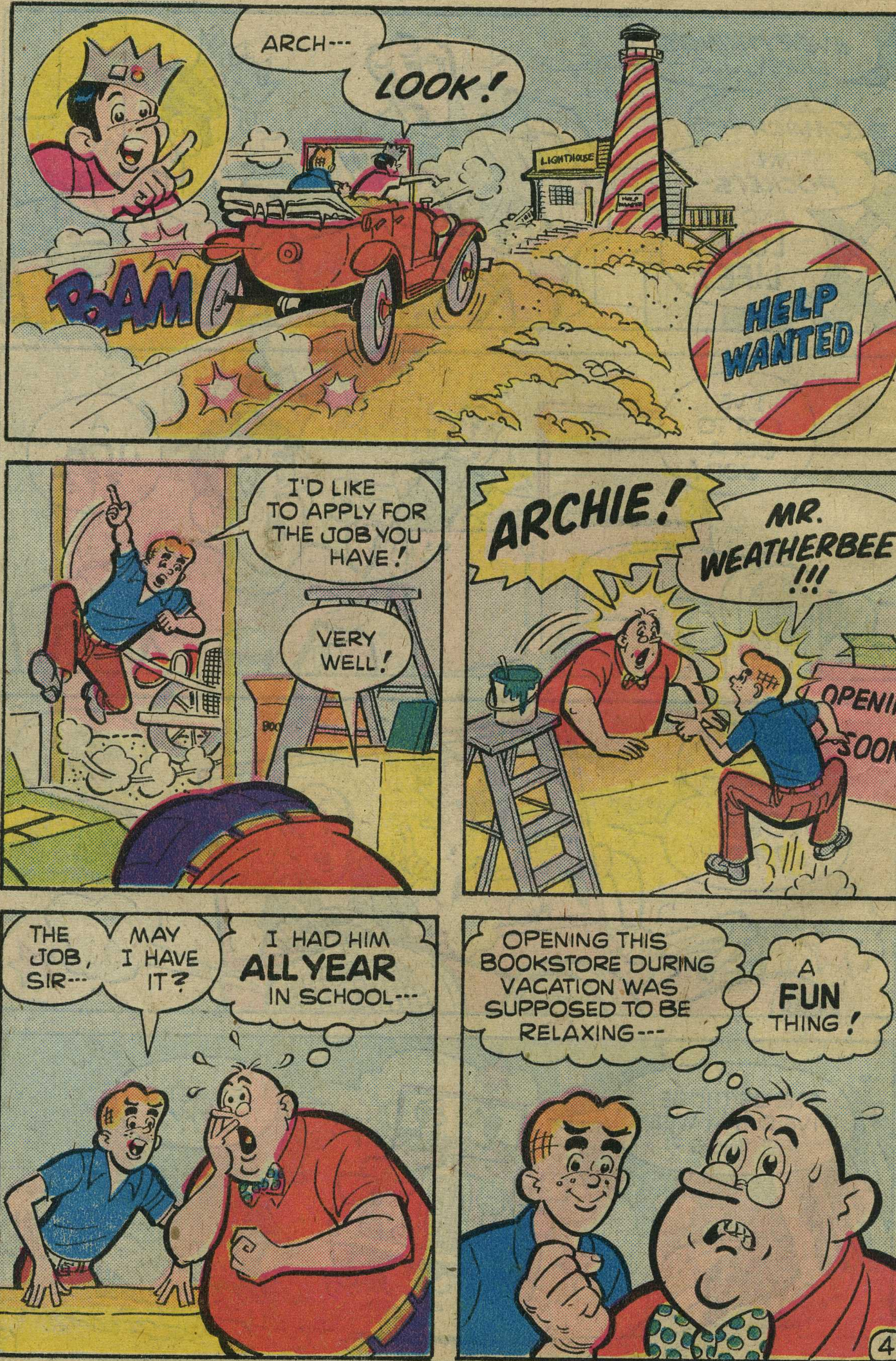

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Archie
Gets a Job!
HANG ON, JUG !!!
WE'LL HELP MR. WEATHERBEE GET BOOK SALES OFF THE GROUND!
BOOKMOBILE
LET THE LIGHTHOUSE TURN YOU ON!


Archie
WHAT A FANTASTIC WAY TO SPEND THE SUMMER !!!
YOUR FATHER HAS ALL THE HELP HE NEEDS AROUND HERE !
I'LL JUST KEEP YOU COMPANY !!!
THAT'S WHAT HE THINKS !!!
ARCHIE !!!
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO LOAF ALL SUMMER IN MY BACKYARD ! !!!

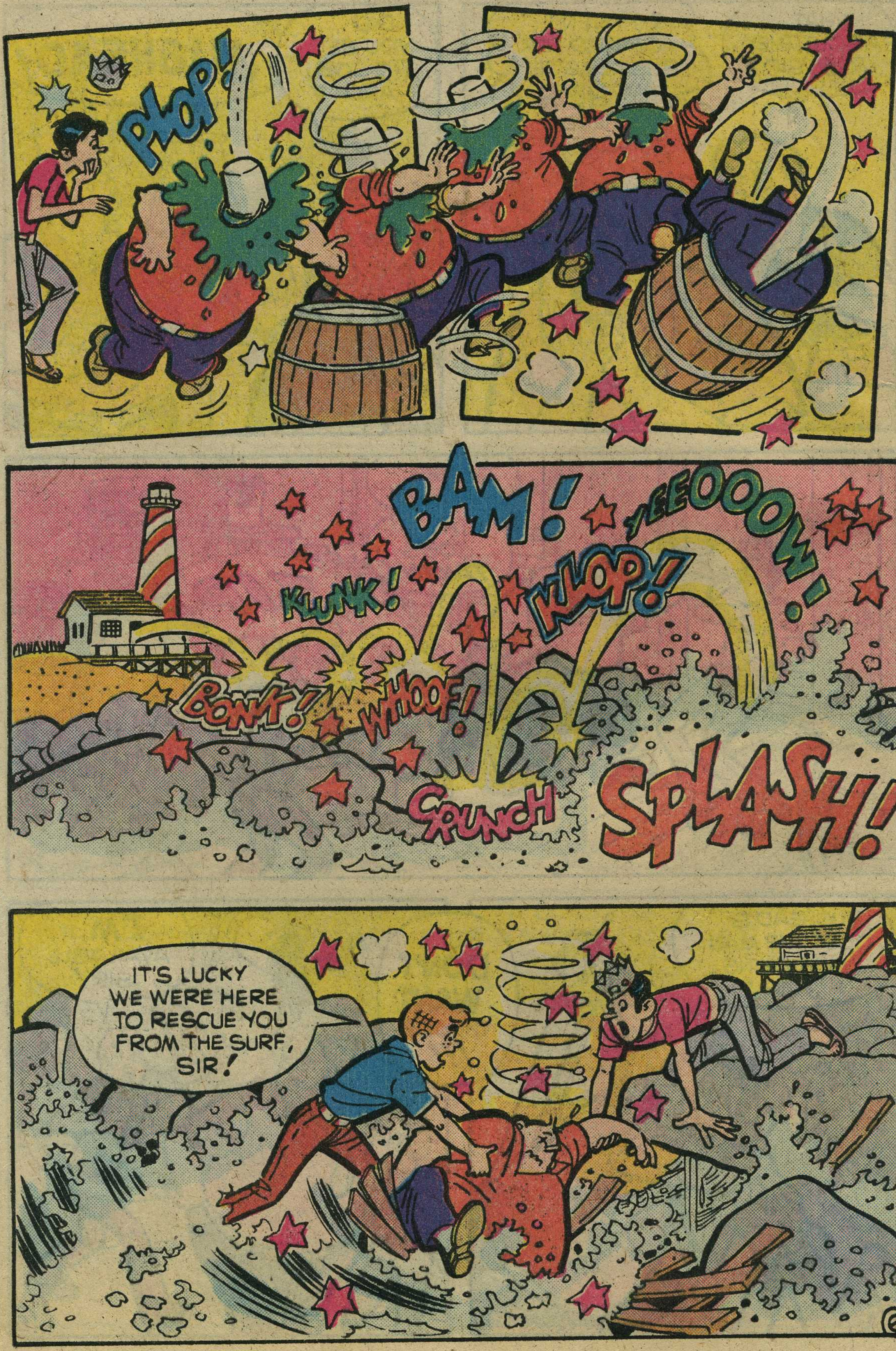

THIS ISN'T A RESORT FOR DING-BAT DROP-OUTS !!!
SPLASH!
BLOOP!
SPLAT!
GO GET YOURSELF A JOB!
BAM!
DON'T TELL ME, ARCH---
MR. LODGE KICKED YOU OUT AGAIN!
HAVE A SUNDAE...
IT'LL PICK YOU UP!
I LOST MY APPETITE !!!
WELL BUY ME ONE!
I'M STARVED !!!
2


EVERYTHING'S EMPTY, JUG---
YOUR STOMACH---
MY POCKETS---
AND MY LOVE LIFE!
I'VE GOT TO GET A JOB!
A JOB ???
YOU MEAN---
WORK ???
RIGHT !!!
ONE OF THOSE FIVE DAY A WEEK THINGS ?
EXACTLY !!!
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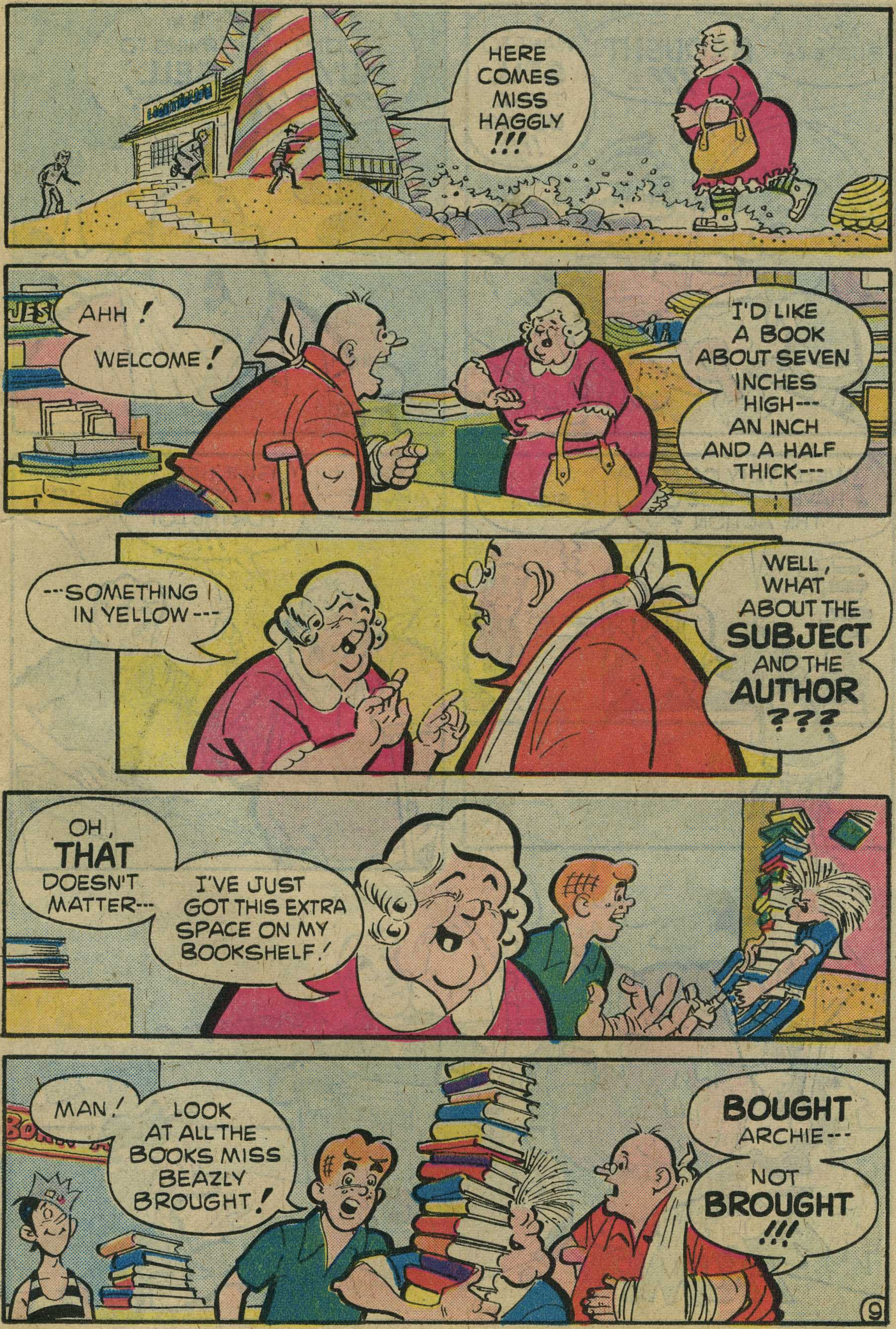
ARCH---
LOOK!
BAM
LIGHTHOUSE
HELP WANTED
I'D LIKE TO APPLY FOR THE JOB YOU HAVE!
VERY WELL!
ARCHIE!
MR. WEATHERBEE !!!
THE JOB, SIR---
MAY I HAVE IT?
I HAD HIM ALL YEAR IN SCHOOL---
OPENING THIS BOOKSTORE DURING VACATION WAS SUPPOSED TO BE RELAXING---
A FUN THING!
4


WHAT ABOUT THE JOB, SIR?
I HAVEN'T OPENED FOR BUSINESS YET AND HE'S HERE!
DID YOU GET THE JOB, ARCH?
JUGHEAD!
SORRY, ARCHIE!
THE JOB'S TAKEN!
ZIP!
JUGHEAD'S JUST THE MAN I'M LOOKING FOR!
BUT I DON'T WANT THE JOB!!!
I'M AVAILABLE, SIR!
5


PLOP!
BAM!
YEEOOOW!
KLUNK!
KLOP!
BONK!
WHOOF!
CRUNCH
SPLASH!
IT'S LUCKY WE WERE HERE TO RESCUE YOU FROM THE SURF, SIR!


Archie
LIGHTHOUSE
BOOKSTORE
OPENING
THANKS FOR HIRING BOTH OF US, MR. WEATHERBEE !!!
IN THIS CONDITION WHAT CHOICE DO I HAVE ? THE GRAND OPENING IS TOMORROW !!!
IT'S GOING TO BE FUN WORKING WITH YOU, SIR!
I'M SURROUNDED BY BOOKS---
BUT I DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT STAYING AFTER SCHOOL!
HAH HAH HAH!
HIS IDIOTIC CHATTER IS DRIVING ME UP THE WALL!
WHERE DO YOU WANT THESE BUMPER STICKERS, SIR ???
THAT'S THE PERFECT SPOT!
HON
OVE JESU
7


Archie
GRAND OPENING!
WHERE IS EVERYBODY ???
ARCHIE'S A JINX !!!
the LIGHTHOUSE
BOOKSTORE
WE SHOULD SELL FOOD !!!
FOOD ???
IN A CHRISTIAN BOOKSTORE ???
SURE---
---ANGEL FOOD CAKE---
PECAN DIVINITY---
MAYBE EVEN SAINT JOSEPH'S ASPIRIN
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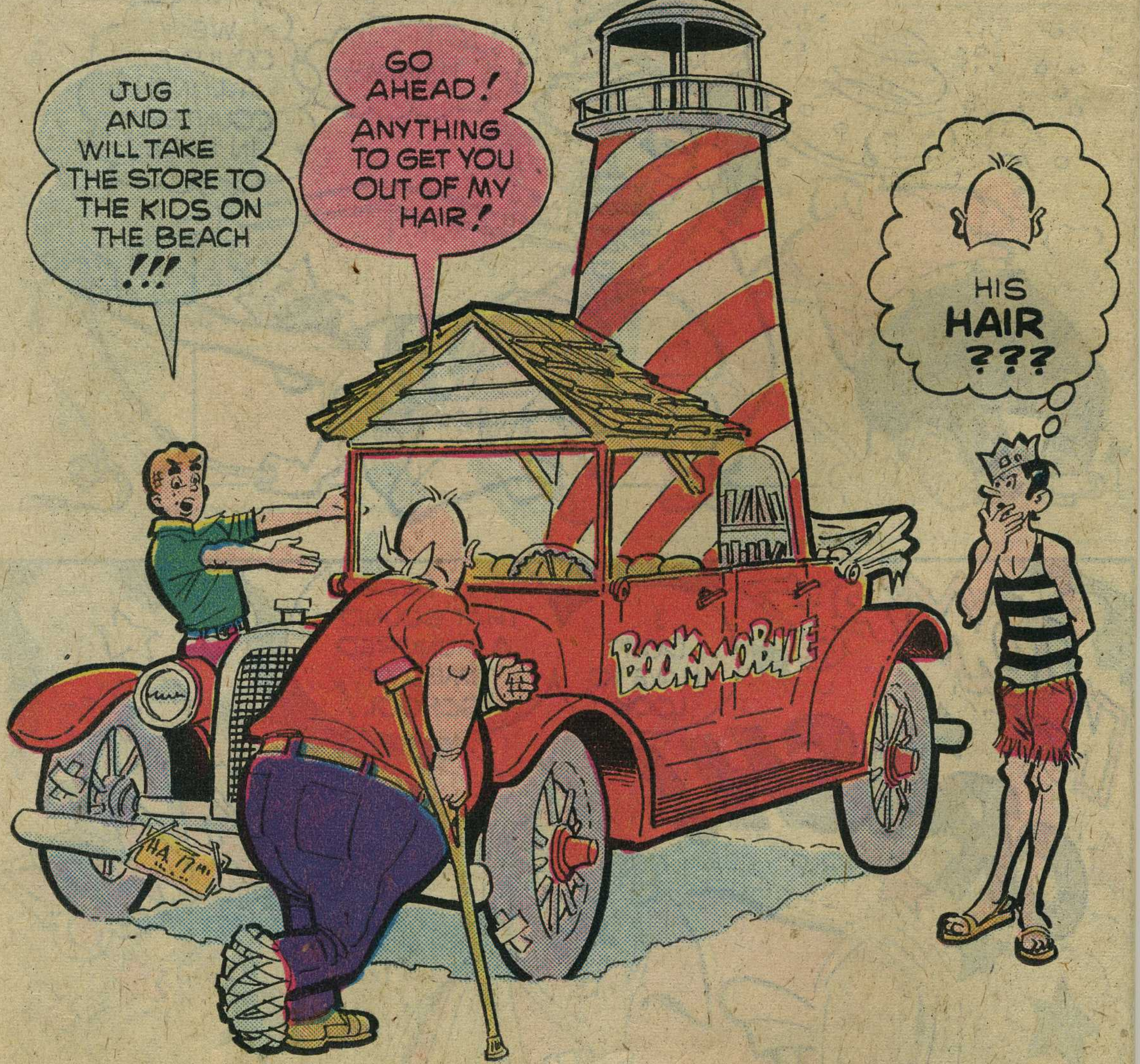


HERE COMES MISS HAGGLY !!!
AHH ! WELCOME !
I'D LIKE A BOOK ABOUT SEVEN INCHES HIGH--- AN INCH AND A HALF THICK---
---SOMETHING IN YELLOW---
WELL, WHAT ABOUT THE SUBJECT AND THE AUTHOR ???
OH, THAT DOESN'T MATTER---
I'VE JUST GOT THIS EXTRA SPACE ON MY BOOKSHELF!
MAN! LOOK AT ALL THE BOOKS MISS BEAZLY BROUGHT!
BOUGHT ARCHIE--- NOT BROUGHT !!!
9


NO, BUSTER--- BROUGHT !!!
I WANT TO SELL THESE BOOKS !!!
PLOP!
BUT I DON'T BUY BOOKS!
I'M TRYING TO SELL THEM!
WELL, WHY CAN'T I HAVE A PIECE OF THE ACTION ?
SIGH
OKAY, ARCHIE---
GIVE HER TEN DOLLARS FOR THE LOT !!!
YES, SIR!
FOOSHT!
DING!
WHUMPF!
10


SORRY, SIR--- I--
GASP!
GET IN THE BACK ROOM, ARCHIE!
AND TAKE THESE BOOKS WITH YOU!!!
HMMM--
WE COULD FIT A LUNCH COUNTER IN HERE!
KLOMP!
CRASH!
I DON'T HAVE TO LOOK!
I'VE HEARD THAT SOUND A HUNDRED TIMES AT SCHOOL!
BAM!
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LET'S FACE IT, ARCHIE---
THIS STORE ISN'T BIG ENOUGH FOR BOTH OF US !!!

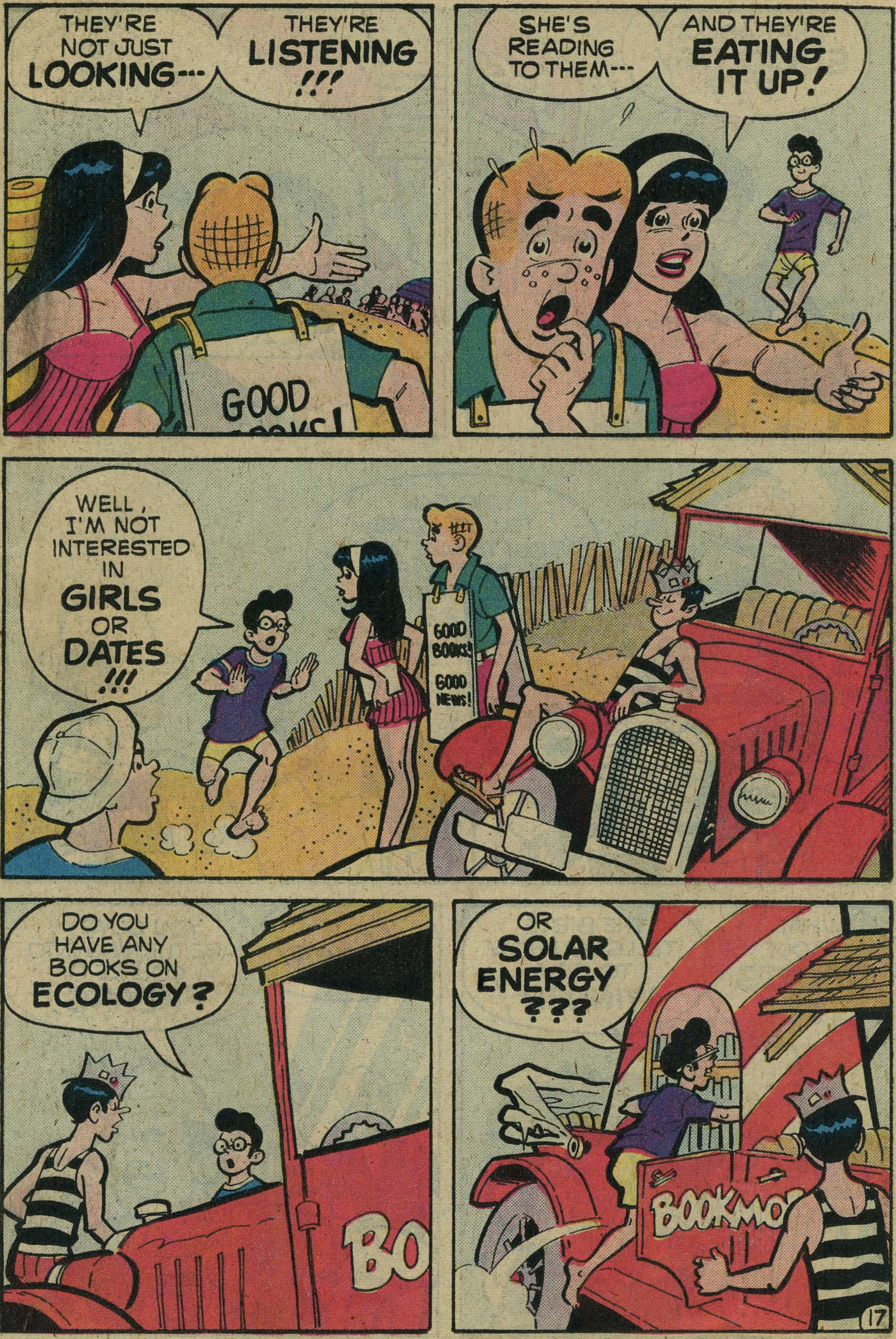
I'M AFRAID YOU'RE RIGHT, SIR---
BUT I'VE GOT A SOLUTION!

JUG AND I WILL TAKE THE STORE TO THE KIDS ON THE BEACH !!!
GO AHEAD! ANYTHING TO GET YOU OUT OF MY HAIR!
HIS HAIR ???
BOOKMOBILE


BLAM! POW!
BOOKMOBILE
ARCHIE!
YOU DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH I NEED A BOOK!
ZOOM!
MAKEUP DOES NOTHING FOR MY FACE!
A BATHING SUIT DOESN'T HELP MY FIGURE!
AT LEAST A BOOK IS GOOD FOR MY MIND !!!
AND ⋮ SIGH ⋮ MAYBE SOMEONE WILL LOVE ME --- FOR MY MIND !!!


HERE'S A BOOK YOU'LL LOVE, BIG ETHEL!!!
IT'S ALL ABOUT DATING AND THE OPPOSITE SEX!
AT YOUR CHRISTIAN BOOKSTORE NOW!
IT'S FOR REAL!!!
update
A NEW APPROACH TO CHRISTIAN DATING
By Fred Hartley
Dear Reader: There are hundreds of good Christian books I could have used in this story! So why not choose one my son wrote?
Al Hartley
P.S. Here's his picture...
HE REALLY KNOWS THE SCORE!

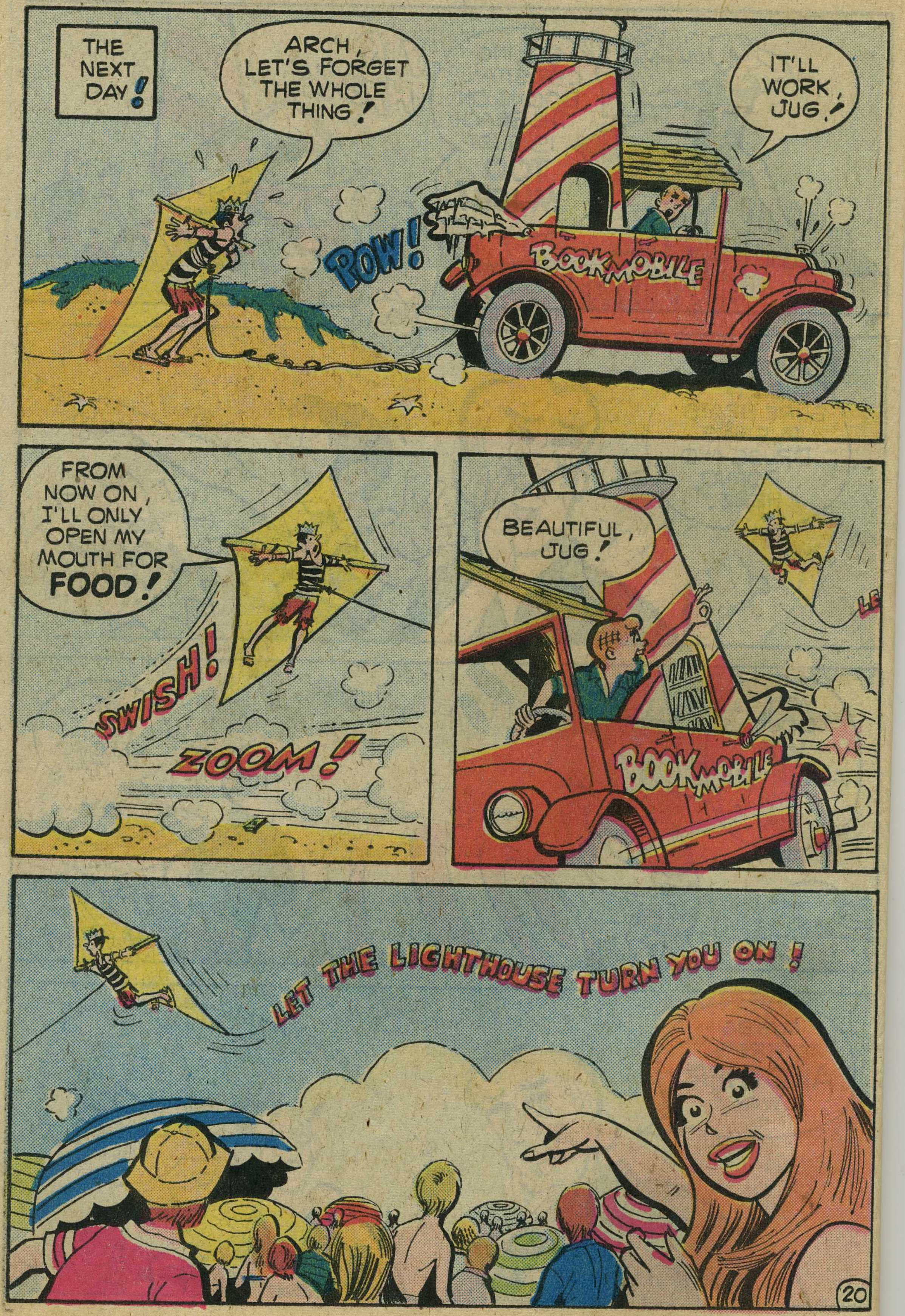

WHAT A COOL BOOK!
FANTASTIC INSIGHT!
ARCH, I JUST CAME OVER TO WATCH THE FUN!!!
FUN? WHAT FUN?
WHEN EVERYBODY STARTS TO LAUGH YOU OFF THE BEACH!
GOOD BOOKS! GOOD NEWS!
THIS HAS GOT TO BE YOUR CRAZIEST IDEA--
GOOD BOOKS! GOOD NEWS!
OH, ARCHIE---
TO THE BOOKMOBILE

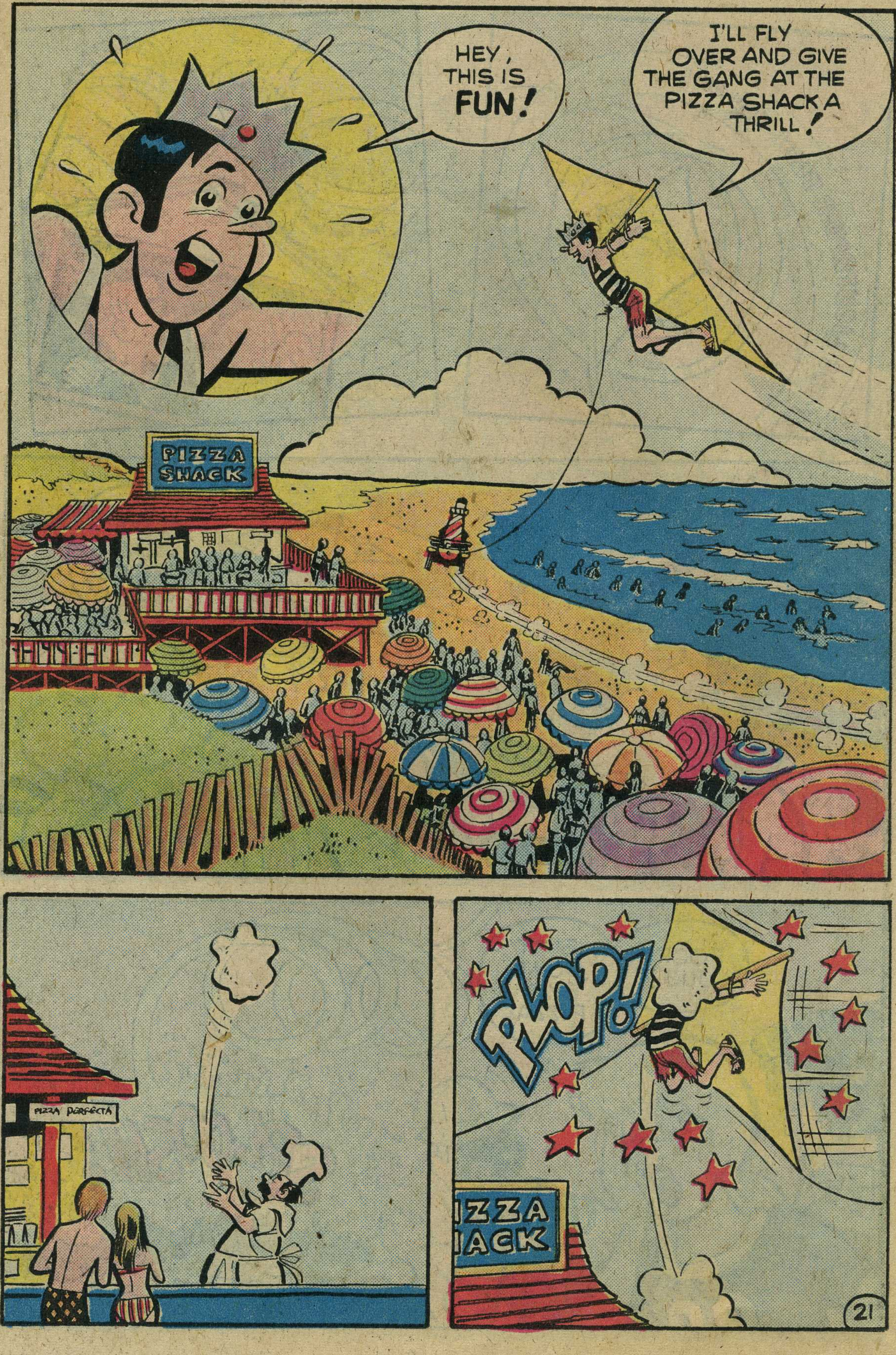

DO YOU HAVE ANOTHER COPY OF THAT BOOK YOU SOLD TO BIG ETHEL?
SURE!
GOOD BOOKS! GOOD NEWS!
I'VE GOT TO SEE WHAT'S IN IT!
UPDATE
HARTLEY
A BATHING SUIT WAS ALL I EVER NEEDED TO GET ATTENTION!!!
BUT TIMES HAVE CHANGED!
GOOD BOOKS
YOU MEAN THOSE GUYS WOULD RATHER LOOK AT BIG ETHEL READ A BOOK THAN LOOK AT YOU?
16


THEY'RE NOT JUST LOOKING---
THEY'RE LISTENING !!!
GOOD
SHE'S READING TO THEM---
AND THEY'RE EATING IT UP!
WELL, I'M NOT INTERESTED IN GIRLS OR DATES !!!
GOOD BOOKS! GOOD NEWS!
DO YOU HAVE ANY BOOKS ON ECOLOGY?
BO
OR SOLAR ENERGY ???
BOOKMO
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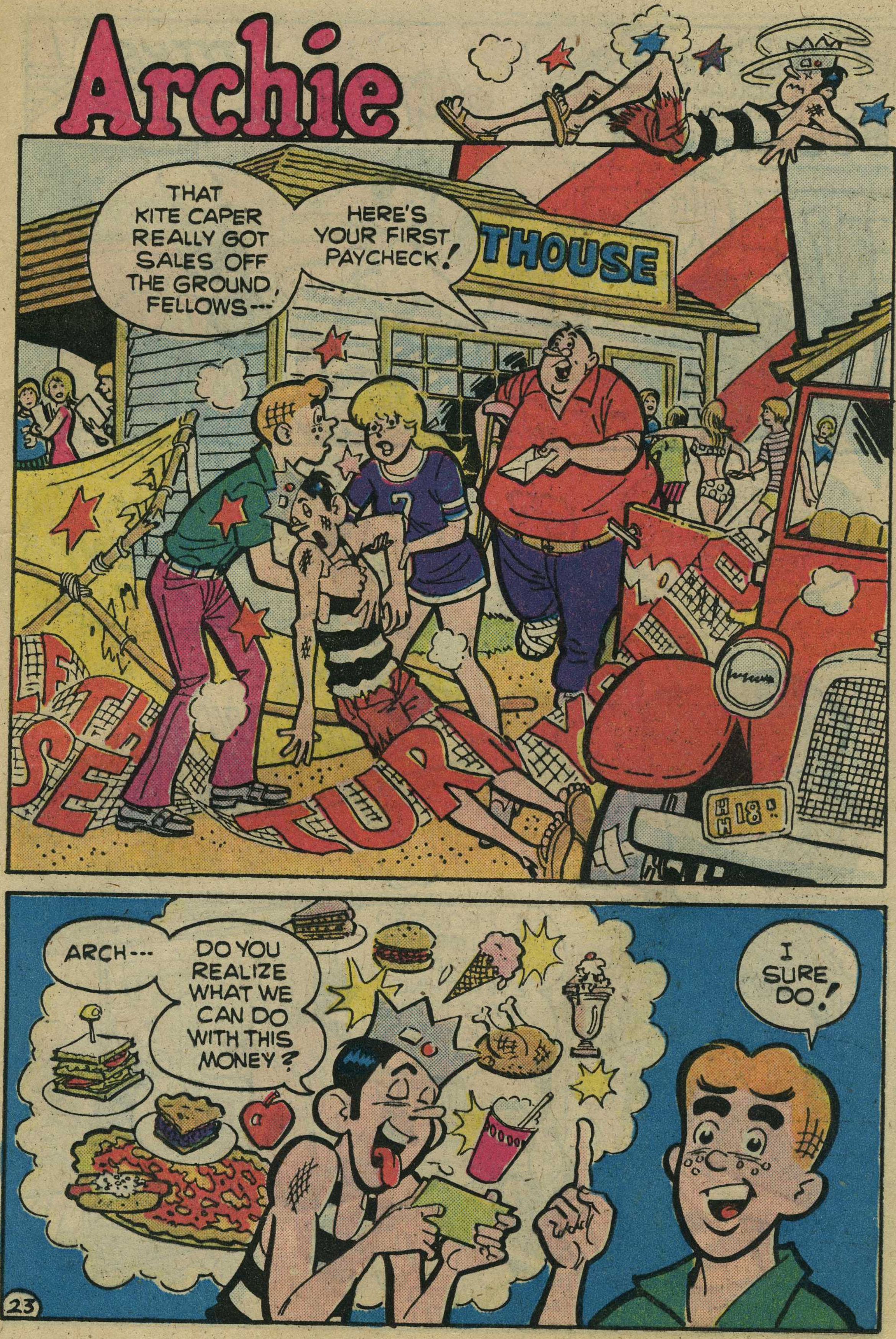

WHAT ABOUT SOCIOLOGY ???
TRY THE BIBLE !!!
WHO CAN TELL US MORE ABOUT THINGS THAN THE ONE WHO PUT IT ALL TOGETHER ???
WHAT ABOUT SPORTS ???
THE BIBLE TELLS YOU HOW TO BE A WINNER !
OH, BROTHER!
YOU GUYS ARE TURNING INTO A COUPLE OF FREAKS !
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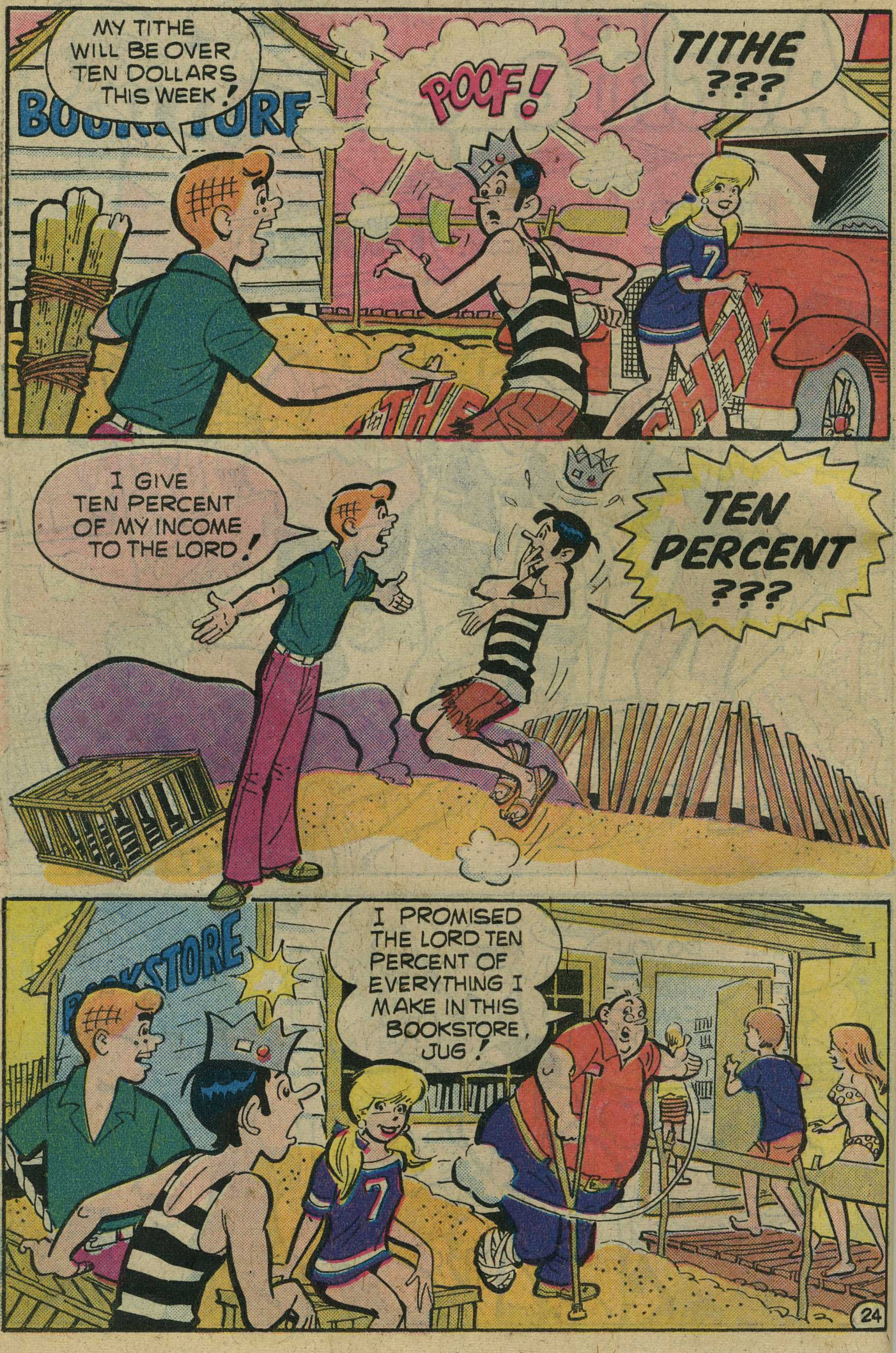

HAR HAR
SELLING CHRISTIAN BOOKS ON THE BEACH IS JUST TOO MUCH!
HYUK HYUK!
GOOD BOOKS!
WELL, IT SURE BEATS PUSHING DRUGS AND PORNO HERE!
ARCH, LOOK!!!
WHY DON'T WE ADVERTISE LIKE THAT!
USE SOLAR SUNTAN OIL
WE CAN'T AFFORD IT--- BUT---
MAYBE THERE'S ANOTHER WAY!
USE SOLAR SUNTAN OIL
I DON'T LIKE THE LOOK ON YOUR FACE!
19


THE NEXT DAY!
ARCH, LET'S FORGET THE WHOLE THING!
IT'LL WORK, JUG!
POW!
BOOKMOBILE
FROM NOW ON, I'LL ONLY OPEN MY MOUTH FOR FOOD!
SWISH!
ZOOM!
BEAUTIFUL, JUG!
BOOKMOBILE
LET THE LIGHTHOUSE TURN YOU ON!
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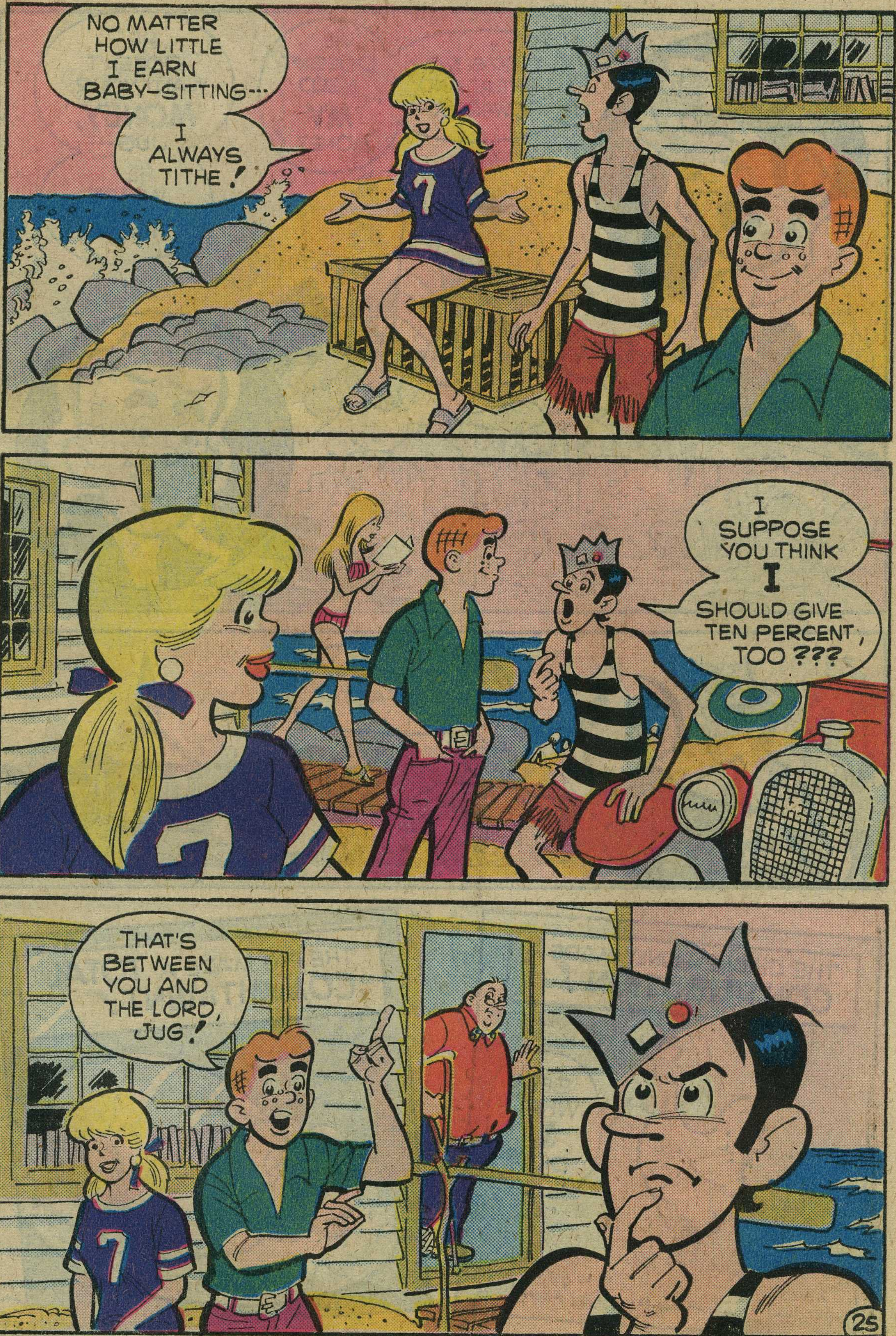

HEY, THIS IS FUN!
I'LL FLY OVER AND GIVE THE GANG AT THE PIZZA SHACK A THRILL!
PIZZA SHACK
PIZZA PERFECTA
PLOP!
IZZA
ACK


LET THE LIGHTHOUSE TURN YOU ON!
LET THE LIGHTHOUSE TURN YOU ON!
LET THE LIGHTHOUSE TURN
I CAN'T READ UPSIDE DOWN!
POOR JUG!
SHOT DOWN BY A PIZZA!
SPLOOSH!
22


Archie
THAT KITE CAPER REALLY GOT SALES OFF THE GROUND, FELLOWS---
HERE'S YOUR FIRST PAYCHECK!
THOUSE
ARCH---
DO YOU REALIZE WHAT WE CAN DO WITH THIS MONEY?
I SURE DO!
23



BOOKSTORE
MY TITHE WILL BE OVER TEN DOLLARS THIS WEEK!
POOF!
TITHE ???
I GIVE TEN PERCENT OF MY INCOME TO THE LORD!
TEN PERCENT ???
BOOKSTORE
I PROMISED THE LORD TEN PERCENT OF EVERYTHING I MAKE IN THIS BOOKSTORE, JUG!


NO MATTER HOW LITTLE I EARN BABY-SITTING---
I ALWAYS TITHE!
I SUPPOSE YOU THINK I SHOULD GIVE TEN PERCENT, TOO???
THAT'S BETWEEN YOU AND THE LORD, JUG!
25


GOD'S SO GREAT AND POWERFUL---
HE DOESN'T NEED MY MONEY!
HE DOESN'T WANT YOUR MONEY, JUG---
HE WANTS YOU!
SEE THAT BREAKFAST---
HAM & EGG BREAKFAST TODAY
THE CHICKEN ONLY MADE A CONTRIBUTION!
SEE WHAT I DID?
THE PIG MADE A TOTAL COMMITMENT!


WHAT KIND OF A COMMITMENT HAVE YOU MADE, JUG?
WELL--- YOU KNOW I BELIEVE IN GOD---
---AND I'VE ACCEPTED CHRIST---
GULP BUT TEN PERCENT OF MY PAYCHECK ???
YOU FELLOWS WON'T HAVE A PAYCHECK IF YOU DON'T GET BACK TO WORK!
LIGHTHOUSE
THIS INVENTORY HAS TO BE STORED UPSTAIRS IN THE LIGHTHOUSE!
GASP! WE HAVE TO CARRY ALL THESE BOOKS---
UP ALL THOSE STAIRS!


RELAX, JUG---
WE'LL DO IT THE EASY WAY!!!
TIE THE BOOKS TOGETHER!
A LITTLE HORSE-POWER---
AND SOME BRAINPOWER IS ALL WE NEED!
OKAY, JUG---
HOOK THIS TO THE BOOKS!!!
STAND BACK, JUG!
VA-ROOM!


SNAP!
YEEEOOW!
SWOOSH!
CRASH!
BAM!
WHUMP!
THUD!
29


HOW'S THAT FOR SOLVING A PROBLEM, JUG?
ARCH---
---WE'VE GOT ANOTHER PROBLEM FOR YOU TO SOLVE!
KLOP!
KLOP!
KLOP!
KLOP!
ARCHIE---
GASP!
THE BIBLE TELLS US WE'LL ALL BE TEMPTED---
---AND
BELIEVE ME---
I'M BEING TEMPTED!!!
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BUT WE'RE ALSO TOLD THAT GOD OVERCOMES OUR TEMPTATIONS---
IF WE LET HIM!
WITHOUT GOD, I NEVER WOULD HAVE HIRED YOU!
I COULD NEVER FORGIVE ALL YOUR HAM-BONE BLOOPERS!
BUT HIS GRACE AND PATIENCE---
IS BIGGER THAN MY TEMPER!
AND BECAUSE I'M GOING HIS WAY---
INSTEAD OF MY WAY---
I'M SEEING SOME BEAUTIFUL SIGHTS!

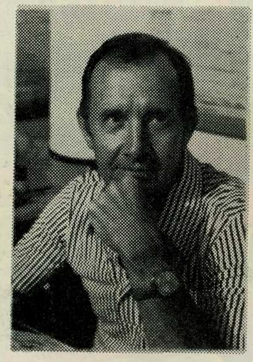

THANKS FOR HELPING ME TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE THROUGH THIS STORE!
THIS BOOKSTORE IS MORE THAN A BUSINESS---
IT IS A LIGHTHOUSE!!!
IT'S GOD'S ANSWER TO THE DARKNESS IN THE WORLD!
WELL, C'MON!
I'VE GOT NINETY PERCENT OF MY PAYCHECK LEFT!
I'LL TREAT FOR PIZZAS!!!
Al Hartley
JESUS SAYS: "I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD! FOLLOW ME AND YOU'LL NEVER WALK IN THE DARK!"
SEE JOHN 8:12

FROM AL HARTLEY...

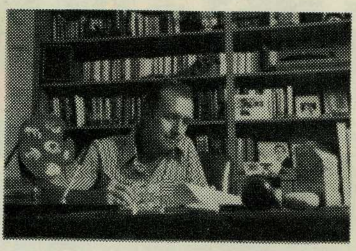


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